and Indian Institute of Packaging, Bombay were found unsatisfactory. The test conducted by the Chief Chemists, Bombay was also found unsatisfactory. Fourth tests got conducted by Customs authorities at the Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur, Indian Institute of Packaging and the Central Revenue Control Laboratory were found satisfactory.

(d) and (e) In the absence of physical delivery of the consignment, STC did not make any payment to the supplier. However, the issue of making payment to the supplier was discussed in the meeting of the STC Board held in January 93. Subsequently, the matter came up for further discussion in the meeting of the STC Board held on 17-3-93. Having deliberated the issue at length after considering the entire circumstances of the case and the implications thereof, the Board decided that this was a commercial transaction between STC and the foreign company which ought to be settled within the terms of the contract. However, in order to clarify the position, the Board considered it appropriate for STC to re-open a dialogue with the Canadian Company.

Export of Fruits

1495. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of Apples, Oranges, Bananas and Grapes exported during the last two years, countrywise and fruit-wise;

(b) the estimated foreign exchange earned therefrom in this process during the period, country-wise;

(c) whether any special Scheme is under Government's consideration to boost fruit export during the current financial year and whether a provision of any special fund, has been made for this purpose;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken are likely to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) The information is contained in Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India by Countries March, 1991 and March, 1992 published by Directorate of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) to (e) A provision of Rs. 623 lakhs has been proposed for Agricultural and processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in the budget estimates for 1993-94 for being utilised for developmental activities pertaining to export promotion of products covered under the schedule to the APEDA Act, which includes fruits also.

Assistance to West Bengal by MPEDA

1496. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the assistance given to marine products industry during the last three years in the State of West Bengal by the Marine Products Export development Authority;

(b) the details of State-wise export earnings achieved by various States during the said period on account of marine product exports;

(c) whether it is a fact that MPEDA has been neglecting the growth rate and potentialities of the State of West Bengal for the marine products growth for several other reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

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DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) A statement showing the details of ass'stance given to seafood industry in West Bengal during last 3 years is annexed. (See below)

(b) Export statistics are not maintained state-wise. The export of marine products during the last three years were :

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1	2	3
1990-91 .	139419	89337
1991-92	171820	137589
1992-93 . (Prov.)	191186	166817

Source : MPEDA, Kochi.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not ar'se.

Statement

Details of subsidy assistance given to seafood industry in West Bengal.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of scheme	1992-93		1991-92		1990-91	
	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Subsidy for upgrading the efficiency of plate freezer	1	1.00	1	0.82	1	0.92
2. Subsidy for installation of Generating Sets in seafood processing units	Nil		1	0.40	Nil	
3. Subsidy for upgrading efficiency of cold storage .	1	0.72	Nil		Nil	

Assistance in prawn farming activities :

Particulars	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4
1. Area survey	783.8 ha	171.0 ha	1452.93 ha
2. Area developed with technical assistance	191.95 ha	103.51 ha	106.16 ha
3. Training programmes organised	2	2	2 1 (for SC/ST)
4. Farmers trained	52	50	52+20
Farmers meet organised	2	2	2
5. Inter state study tour organised	1	1	1
Farmers benefited	6	7	5
6. No. of farmers registered for availing technical assistance	50	107	92
7. Input supply arranged (seed)	2.85 lakhs	36 lakhs	40.65 lakhs
8. Area assisted with subsidy for seed and feed		29 ha	100 ha

Source : MPEDA Kochi,

Cancellation of registration by Tobacco Board

1497. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco Board has cancelled registration of some of the traders who are connected with export of sub standard leaf of China;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether such traders are still in trade; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) The Chinese importers raised claims against Indian exporters of tobacco in 9 cases during 1982-83 and in 4 cases during 1986-87. The Tobacco Board did not cancel registration of Indian exporters involved in these cases since all these claims were settled between the importers and exporters amicably except in one case relating to M|s. Gogineni Tobaccos. In that case, though the importer and exporter reportedly agreed for the settlement of the claim by supply of 610 tonnes of tobacco initially towards full settlement, later the issue became a dispute as the importer was reported to have gone back on the agreement and demanded cash payment instead of supply of tobacco. As the exporter was not agreeable to this, the issue is in stalemate. The Board had advised the exporter to sort out these claims amicably and settle the claim. However, the firm, namely M|s. Gogineni Tobaccos is not in existence since 1989.